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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 97-168, RM-9182

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Terry Hailey, there is submitted herewith, by hand, one original and four copies of Reply Comments in response to the <u>Comments and Counterproposal</u> submitted by Lyle Broadcasting Corporation on September 22, 1997 in MM Docket No. 97-168, RM-9182.

Should any question arise concerning this matter, kindly advise the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b) MM DOCKET NO. 97-168 Table of Allotments RM-9182 FM Broadcast Stations (Arcadia, Missouri)

REPLY COMMENTS

Terry Hailey ("Hailey"), by his attorney, hereby submits Reply Comments in response to the Comments and Counterproposal submitted by Lyle Broadcasting Corporation ("Lyle") on September 22, 1997.

Nearly eight years ago, as a result of a counterproposal filed by a group headed by Hailey, Channel 267C3 was alloted to Tiptonville. On March 15, 1993, Hailey's group was awarded a Construction Permit, 1 but due to unforeseen circumstances, was unable to build at its site and sought an extension of time to construct, as well as to modify its CP. Rather than allowing the extension of time and the modification, the Commission cancelled the Permit. 2/

Hailey has in fact already expressed his intention to apply for and expeditiously construct a new facility on Channel 267C3

^{1/} Hailey is the President (and 10% stockholder) of WENK of Union City, Inc.("WENK"), the entity that was the permittee for Tiptonville. Either as a member of that group or as an individual, Hailey intends to file for and expeditiously construct a new facility at Tiptonville. See Reply Comments filed by Terry Hailey on December 10, 1996 in MM Docket No. 96-204, RM-8876.

^{2/} See Letter of October 27, 1995.

in Tiptonville. J. Lyle's proposals may in fact serve various communities in Tennessee, Illinois, and Missouri and, at the same time, help open up Channel 267C3 for applications.

The Commission should focus on those suggestions which will preserve the allotment of an FM channel to Tiptonville. And it should be done as expeditiously as possible.

If Options 1 or 2 --even with the site restriction -- would serve the greater communications needs of the communities involved and create an opportunity for quicker service being inaugurated to Tiptonville, Hailey supports them.

Respectfully submitted,

TERRY HAILEY

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^{3/} Supra note 1.

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